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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:	
MICHAEL CTEVEN DROWN DRA	No. 02A-091-INS
MICHAEL STEVEN BROWN DBA DESIGN INSURANCE SERVICES AND TIM INSURANCE, INC.	FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
Respondents.	

On May 1, 2002, the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") issued a Notice of Hearing (the "Notice") in the above-captioned matter, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this reference. The Notice required Michael Steven Brown ("Respondent Brown") to provide a written answer to the allegations set forth in the Notice within twenty days of the issuance of the Notice. As of this date, Respondents have failed to file an answer. On June 6, 2002 counsel for the Department filed a Request for Default, and Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order. On June 19, 2002, counsel for the Department filed an Amended Request for Default to include restitution omitted in the original Request. As of this date, Respondents have not responded to the Department's request. Pursuant to A.A.C. R20-6-106(D), a party that fails to file an answer within the time provided shall be deemed to be in default and one or more of the allegations in the Notice of Hearing may be deemed to be admitted.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

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- 1. Notice was proper.
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- 2. Respondents are in default.

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3. The allegations in the Notice are deemed admitted.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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1. The conduct alleged in the Notice constitutes grounds for the Director to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew Respondents' licenses to transact insurance in Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S.

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§20-316 (A) and (C).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The property, casualty, life and disability insurance producer's licenses held by Respondents are revoked effective upon the issuance of this Order.
- 2. Respondents are ordered to pay restitution in the amount of two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) to Diane M. Gonzalez.

3.	The hearing set for June 26,	2002, at 9:00 a.m. shall be vacated.	
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DATED this	201	day of	Vine	, 2002.
DITTED UND		_ day or _	VII	, 2002.

CHARLES R. COHEN, Director Arizona Department of Insurance

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_	20th day of June 2002, to:
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:)	
MICHAEL STEVEN BROWN DBA DESIGN INSURANCE SERVICES AND TIM INSURANCE, INC.,)	No. 02A-091-INS NOTICE OF HEARING
Respondents.)	
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 20-161 through and including 20-165, 41-1061 through and including 41-1066, and 41-1092.01, the above-captioned matter will be heard before the Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona (the "Director") or his duly designated representative, on the 26th day of June, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1400 West Washington, Suite 101, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (the "Hearing").

Motions to continue this matter shall be made in writing to the Administrative Law Judge not less than fifteen (15) business days prior to the date set for hearing. A copy of any motion to continue shall be mailed or hand-delivered to the opposing party on the same date of filing with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

A.R.S. §20-164(B) entitles any person affected by this Hearing to appear in person and by counsel, to be present during the giving of all evidence, to have a reasonable opportunity to inspect all documentary evidence, to examine witnesses, to present supporting evidence in support of his interests, and to have subpoenas issued by the Administrative Law Judge to compel attendance of witnesses and production of evidence.

If Respondents are represented by counsel, the attorney shall be licensed to practice law in the State of Arizona or, if Respondents are an insurer, they may be represented by a corporate officer, pursuant to A.R.S. §20-161(B).

Pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1092.07(E), a clear and accurate record of the proceedings will be made by a court reporter or by electronic means. Any party that requests a transcript of the proceeding shall pay the cost of the transcript to the court reporter or other transcriber.

Questions concerning issued raised in this Notice of Hearing should be directed to Assistant Attorney General Mary D. Kosinski, (602) 542-8830, 1275 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

NOTICE OF APPLICABLE RULES

On January 23, 1992, the Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Department") adopted A.A.C. R20-6-101 through R20-6-115, setting forth the rules of practice and procedure applicable in contested cases before the Director of Insurance. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to these rules.

PURSUANT TO A.A.C. R20-6-106, RESPONDENTS SHALL FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE OF THIS NOTICE OF HEARING AND SHALL MAIL OR DELIVER A COPY OF THE ANSWER TO THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DESIGNATED ABOVE. THE ANSWER SHALL STATE RESPONDENTS POSITION OR DEFENSE AND SHALL SPECIFICALLY ADMIT OR DENY EACH ASSERTION IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING. ANY ASSERTION NOT DENIED SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE ADMITTED. ANY DEFENSE NOT RAISED IN THE ANSWER SHALL BE DEEMED WAIVED. IF AN ANSWER IS NOT TIMELY FILED, RESPONDENTS SHALL BE DEEMED IN DEFAULT AND THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM THE ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE, AND TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, DENIAL OF A LICENSE, OR

RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL PENALTY AND/OR ORDER RESTITUTION TO ANY PARTY INJURED.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MAY REQUEST REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

SUCH AS INTERPRETERS, ALTERNATIVE FORMATS, OR ASSISTANCE WITH PHYSICAL

ACCESSIBILITY. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD BE MADE AS EARLY AS

POSSIBLE TO ALLOW TIME TO ARRANGE THE ACCOMMODATIONS. IF YOU REQUIRE

ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AT

(602) 542-9826.

The allegations supporting this Notice of Hearing are as follows:

- 1. Respondent, Michael Steven Brown ("Brown") does business as Design Insurance
 Services and is currently licensed as a property, casualty, life and disability producer in the State of
 Arizona, license number 11098.
- 2. TIM Insurance, Inc. ("TIM Insurance") is an Arizona corporation incorporated by Brown on February 17, 1999. TIM Insurance is currently licensed as a property, casualty, life and disability agency in the State of Arizona, license number 74690. This license is due to expire March 31, 2003.
- 3. On July 20, 1999, Brown and TIM Insurance signed an agency agreement with GRE Insurance Group ("GRE") and National Insurance Association ("NIA") to sell auto insurance in Arizona.
- 4. On September 17, 2001, NIA sent a letter terminating its agency agreement with TIM Insurance effective October 17, 2001.
- 5. On September 23, 1999, Brown and TIM Insurance contracted with AIG to sell insurance in Arizona.

6. On August 13, 2001, the Department received a complaint from Diana M. Gonzalez ("Gonzalez"). Her complaint alleges that on June 11, 2001, she paid \$275 to Brown for full coverage for a 1991 Chevrolet Corsica and liability coverage for a 1987 Lincoln Towncar.

- 7. Gonzalez received an insurance identification card from Brown indicating "binder" coverage with GRE Insurance Group for a 1991 Chevrolet Corsica effective June 11, 2001 through June 11, 2002.
- 8. On June 11, 2001, Gonzalez's check #111 made payable to TIM Insurance in the amount of \$275 was deposited into TIM Insurance's Bank One account, account #07571818.
- 9. Although NIA received Gonzalez' application and premium money on June 25, 2001, both items were returned to TIM Insurance and a policy was not issued. Brown and TIM Insurance failed to secure coverage for Gonzalez or refund the \$275.
 - 10. On July 27, 2001, Gonzalez was in an auto accident.
- 11. On or about September 13, 2001, a Department investigator sent a subpoena duces tecum to TIM Insurance to the attention of Brown at Brown's business address and home address. The subpoena duces tecum required Brown to appear for an Examination Under Oath scheduled for September 27, 2001 and to answer questions regarding the Gonzalez complaint.
- 12. On September 26, 2001, the Department investigator sent a copy of the subpoena duces tecum to Brown via his email address.
- 13. Brown failed to appear for the Examination Under Oath scheduled for September 27, 2001.
- 14. On or about October 3, 2001, the subpoena duces tecum sent out to Brown's house and place of business were returned to the Department as "unclaimed."

Count II - Daniel Yelda

- 15. On or about May 14, 2001, Daniel Yelda dba Babylon Candy ("Yelda") wrote check #1101, in the amount of \$90 to TIM Insurance. Check #1101 was deposited into TIM Insurance's Bank One account, account #07571818, on June 21, 2001.
- 16. On May 14, 2001, Brown issued a quote for auto insurance to Daniel Yelda. According to the quote, Yelda was to pay \$334 for a twelve month policy through GRE Insurance Group as well as a copy/processing fee of \$39.50 to TIM Insurance.
- 17. On May 17, 2001, Brown provided Yelda an insurance identification card indicating "binder" coverage with GRE Insurance Group for his 1980 Chevrolet truck effective May 17, 2001 through May 17, 2002.
- 18. Yelda's June 17, 2001 application was received by NIA on June 25, 2001. A down payment was not submitted with the application, and on June 27, 2001, NIA sent the application back to TIM Insurance explaining that the returned application dated after May 31, 2001, was not processed and no coverage existed.
- 19. However, NIA issued policy #004179511 issued on May 17, 2001 to Yelda. The company issued the policy based upon information provided on the copy of the application received and the fact that Brown actually took Yelda's application and down payment on May 14, 2001. Yelda's policy was later canceled for nonpayment of premium.

Count III - Roxanne Shamblin

- 20. On or about September 18, 2001, the Department received a complaint from Roxanne Shamblin ("Shamblin").
- 21. On June 26, 2001, Shamblin paid \$385 in cash to Brown and TIM Insurance for auto insurance with AIG which included glass coverage.

- 22. Brown provided Shamblin an insurance identification card indicating that Shamblin had "binder" coverage through AIG effective June 25, 2001 through June 25, 2002 on her 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier and 1997 Ford truck.
- 23. Although Brown received Shamblin's application premium on June 25, 2001, AIG did not received the application for Shamblin until October 9, 2001. AIG issued the policy on October 15, 2001 with effective dates of June 25, 2001 through June 25, 2001.

Count IV - Wells Fargo Bank

- 24. On February 4, 2000, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo") filed a civil complaint for money Wells Fargo Bank. N.A. v. Michael Steven Brown dba Design Insurance Services and Jane Doe Brown. et al., Case No. CV2000-002402, filed in the State of Arizona, Maricopa County. Wells Fargo sought to recover a debt from Brown in the amount of \$32,770.58 plus interest, unpaid fees, late charges, attorney fees and court costs.
- 25. On March 24, 2000, a summons was filed and on March 29, 2000 an order was filed allowing service of the complaint upon any employee of Brown dba Design Insurance Services.
- 26. On April 5, 2000, Brown was deemed served with the summons and complaint when his receptionist accepted service.
- 27. A Default Judgment was entered on August 10, 2000 against Brown in the amount of \$32,770.58 plus \$486 in attorney fees and \$246.77 in court costs.
- 28. On April 7, 2000 the Department received Brown's Insurance License Renewal Application. Part II, Question E asks, "Are any civil, administrative, other judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings of any kind, or any criminal proceedings in which an indictment, criminal complaint, or information has been issued naming you as defendant, currently pending against you in any jurisdiction based on any of the following:

- 31. Respondents' conduct, as alleged above, constitutes willful violation or willful noncompliance with any provision of Title 20 or any lawful rule or order of the director within the meaning of A.R.S. §20-316(A)(2).
- 32. Respondents' conduct, as alleged above, constitutes misappropriation, conversion or illegal withholding of monies belonging to policyholders, insurers, beneficiaries or others, in violation of A.R.S. §20-316(A)(4).
- 33. Respondents' conduct, as alleged above, constitutes incompetency or a source of injury to the public or any insurer, a violation of A.R.S. §20-316(A)(7).
- 34. Respondents' conduct, as alleged above, constitutes a record of dishonesty in business or financial matters, a violation of A.R.S. §20-316(A)(8).
- 35. Respondents' conduct, as alleged above, constitutes unfair or deceptive acts or practices, a violation of A.R.S. §20-442.
- 36. Respondents' conduct, as alleged above, constitutes fraudulent practice in the presentation, preparation or belief that it will be presented in oral or written statement that contains untrue statements of material fact or that fails to state any material fact, a violation of A.R.S. §20-463.
- 37. Respondents' conduct, as alleged above, constitutes charging or receiving any fee for services not customarily provided in the transaction of insurance for motor vehicle insurance policies that insure six or fewer motor vehicles, a violation of A.R.S §20-465(A).
 - 38. Grounds exist for the Director to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew Respondents'

licenses, impose a civil penalty upon Respondents and/or order restitution pursuant to A.R.S.§ 20-316(A) and (C).

WHEREFORE, if after hearing, the Director makes a finding of one or more of the above-described allegations, the Director may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew Respondents' insurance licenses, impose a civil penalty and/or restitution, pursuant to A.R.S. §20-316(A) and (C).

Pursuant to A.R.S. §20-150, the Director of Insurance delegates the authority vested in the Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona, whether implied or expressed, to the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings or his designee to preside over the hearing of this matter as the administrative law judge, to make written recommendations to the Director of Insurance consisting of proposed findings of fact, proposed conclusions of law, and a proposed order. This delegation does not include delegation of the authority of the Director of Insurance to make the order on hearing or other final decision in this matter.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §20-1092.01, your hearing will be conducted through the Office of Administrative Hearings, an independent agency. Please find enclosed a copy of the procedures to be followed.

DATED this 30th day of May 2002.

SARA M. BEGLEY

Deputy Director

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4	A courtesy copy of this Notice of Hearing has been mailed/delivered to the persons listed below. If you
5	are listed below, you will receive no further notices or documents concerning this matter other than the director's final order. Information about the status of this matter, including whether the hearing date has
6	been changed, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Insurance at (602) 912-8456 or the Assistant Attorney General identified above, at (602) 542-3702.
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8	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Inc. P.O. Box 13466
9	Phoenix, Arizona 85002-3466
10	Pacificare Life & Health Insurance Company 23046 Avenida De La Carlotta
11	Laguna Hills, California 92653-1536
12	Congress Life Insurance Company 10901 Red Circle Drive
13	Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-9137
14	Phoenix Indemnity Insurance Company
15	4041 North Central Avenue, Suite 840 Phoenix, Arizona 85012
16	Deerbrook Insurance Company
17	2775 Sanders Road Northbrook, Illinois 60062-7127
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19	Progressive Paloverde Insurance Company of Arizona 6300 Wilson Mills Road, W33
20	Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143-2182
21	Guaranty National Insurance Company P.O. Box 5365
22	Madison, Wisconsin 53705-0365
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2	6300 Wilson Mills Road, W33 Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143-2182
3	Illinois National Insurance Company American International South Insurance Company
4	70 Pine Street
5	New York, New York 10270
6	Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company One Fountain Square
7	Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402
8	Leader Insurance Company
9	4100 Harry Hines Boulevard Dallas, Texas 75219
10	Safeway Insurance Company
11	790 Pasquinelli Drive Westmont, Illinois 60559-1254
12	Metropolitan General Insurance Company
13	P.O. Box 350 700 Quaker Lane Warwick,
14	Rhode Island 02887
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In the Matter of

Docket No. 8649

MICHAEL STEVEN BROWN, dba DESIGN INSURANCE SERVICES,

ORDER

Respondent.

On May 9, 1995, the Director issued the Order on hearing in this matter supported by findings of fact and conclusions of law (the "Order"). On June 8, 1995, Respondent Michael Steven Brown, dba Design Insurance Services ("Mr. Brown") filed a Request for Rehearing or Review pursuant to A.A.C. R20-6-114(B). In addition, Mr. Brown also submitted a request for a stay along with his request for rehearing. The Department of Insurance (the "Department") filed its response to the Petition on June 26, 1995.

The rehearing request seeks relief on the following grounds: 1) the notice of proceeding #5887 did not satisfy due process requirements where Respondent never received actual notice of that proceed; 2) Respondent did not receive proper notice of the hearing in docket #5887, where he did not receive personal notice; 3) the Department failed to show that Respondent had knowledge of the revocation of his prior license; and 4) Respondent did not misappropriate monies of a policyholder as alleged in proceeding docket #5887.

The rehearing request relies upon four documents (attached as exhibits A, B, C, and D) that were neither offered nor admitted into evidence during the hearing of this matter. At hearing, Mr. Brown had the opportunity to present any evidence he deemed significant to his defense of the allegations he faced. He

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also had the opportunity to call the witnesses (who would have been subject to cross-examination) to offer testimony.

For newly discovered evidence to constitute a basis for the granting of a new trial, the proponent of the evidence must make a three part showing:

> (1) the newly discovered evidence could not have been discovered before the granting of judgment despite the exercise of due diligence, (2) the evidence would probably change the result of the litigation, and (3) the new discovered evidence was in existence at the time of judgment.

Boatman v. Samaritan Health Services, Inc., 168 Ariz. 207, 212, 812, P.2d 1025, 1030 (App. 1990). Mr. Brown has not made the required showing. At a minimum, Mr. Brown has not demonstrated that the newly offered evidence was not available to him through the exercise of reasonable diligence. Therefore, these documents will not be considered in connection with the resolution of this matter.

The rehearing request, the stay request, the Department's response to these requests, and the record have been completely reviewed. From this review, the conclusion has been made that the May 9, 1995 Order is fully support by law and fact.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

Denying the Request for Rehearing or Review filed by Respondent Michael Steven Brown, dba Design Insurance Services.

2. Denying the request for a stay filed by Respondent Michael Steven Brown, dba Design Insurance Services.

DATED this 30th day of June, 1995.

CHRIS HERSTAM

Director of Insurance

CREGORY Y. HARRIS

Chief Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

The aggrieved party may appeal the final decision of the Director to the Superior Court of Maricopa County by filing an action for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. §20-166.

COPY of the foregoing mailed/delivered this 30th day of June, 1995, to:

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